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City of Cabanatuan

OFFICE OF THE CITY MAYOR

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2020-007

AN ORDER PLACING CABANATUAN CITY ON LOCKDOWN DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, the entire country has been placed under a state of calamity by President Rodrigo R. Duterte;

WHEREAS, the COVID 19 Inter-Agency Task Force has already placed the entire Luzon Island under Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ);

WHEREAS, the Sangguniang Panlungsod of Cabanatuan has declared a state of Public Health Emergency over the entire City of Cabanatuan;

WHEREAS, President Duterte instructed the Mayors and Barangay Captains to implement the ECQ Directives;

WHEREAS, to strengthen the implementation of the ECQ directives, Local Chief Executives can fine-tune the ECQ Guidelines provided such fine-tuning will not contravene the spirit of the same;

WHEREAS, Section 16 of the Local Government Code clearly stated that the Local Government Unit “*shall exercise the powers expressly granted, those necessarily implied therefrom, as well as powers necessary, appropriate, or incidental for its efficient and effective governance and those which are essential to the promotion of the general welfare.*”

RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, NOW THEREFORE, I, MYCA ELIZABETH R. VERGARA, Mayor of Cabanatuan City, by the authority vested upon me by law, do hereby **ORDER THAT CABANATUAN CITY BE PLACED UNDER LOCKDOWN DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY.**

SECTION 1. QUARANTINE PASS.

- a. The City Government shall issue an official quarantine pass to be used by the barangays;

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b. The quarantine pass shall only be used for three (3) reasons: (1) to buy food and essential supplies; (2) to buy medicine; and (3) to go to the hospital for treatment;

SECTION 2. BARANGAY BHERT CHECK POINTS.

- a. The barangay shall keep open only one (1) entry/exit point for the barangay where it will set up a Barangay Health Emergency Response Team (BHERT) checkpoint;
- b. The checkpoints shall be fully manned by BHERT personnel at all times, 24/7;
- c. The barangay shall physically close all other entry-exit points using whatever suitable material is available in the barangay. The barangay may also seek the assistance of the City Motor Pool Office, if available, in blocking entry/exit points;
- d. The BHERT shall perform its own health emergency protocol;
- e. If a person has no quarantine pass and he/she is a resident of the said barangay, he/she shall be immediately sent home by the barangay authorities;
- f. If the person who has no quarantine pass is not a resident of the said barangay, he shall be endorsed to the nearest PNP checkpoint;
- g. If it is not feasible for the barangay to maintain only one (1) entry/exit point, the barangay may open additional entry/exit points provided that a fully manned checkpoint is set up;
- h. Barangays may also group themselves in order to set up common entry/exit points that shall be fully manned at all times;
- i. Essential personnel working for exempted offices and establishments shall be allowed passage even without a quarantine pass provided they shall present their office identification card or certificate of employment from their employers.

SECTION 3. ADMINISTRATIVE AND CRIMINAL LIABILITY.

- a. Failure to comply with the provisions of this Order may be a ground for administrative and disciplinary sanctions against any erring public officer or employee as provided under existing laws or regulations.
- b. Citizens who fail to comply with the provisions of this Executive Order may be charged criminally in court;

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SECTION 4. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. If any section or part of this Order is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions not otherwise affected shall remain in full force or effect.

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVITY. This Order shall take effect at 11:30 p.m. on Sunday March 22, 2020.

DONE, in the City of Cabanatuan, this 21st day of March 2020.

The signature of Myca Elizabeth R. Vergara, City Mayor of Cabanatuan.
MYCA ELIZABETH R. VERGARA
City Mayor